



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2018-ICCD-0124]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; OESE Performance Review and Self-Assessment Protocol

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2018-ICCD-0124.

Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or e-mail and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street, SW, PCP, Room 9089, Washington, D.C. 20202-0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Patrick Carr, 202-708-8196.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is

especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: OESE Performance Review and Self-Assessment Protocol

OMB Control Number: 1810-NEW

Type of Review: A new information collection

Respondents/ Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 45

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 90

Abstract: The Department of Education's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) administers multiple programs administered by State Educational Agencies (SEAs), including Title I, Sections 1001-1004 (School Improvement); Title I, Part A (Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies); Title I, Part B (Enhanced Assessments Grants (EAG), and Grants for State Assessments and Related Activities); Title II, Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction); Title III, Part A (English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement). Annual performance reviews – annual phone or on-site conversations with a purposeful sample of SEA and Local Education Agency (LEA) program directors and coordinators – help ensure that an SEA and its LEA are making progress toward improving student achievement and the quality of instruction for all students and are ensuring requirements are met through the review of the program and fiscal requirements to safeguard public funds from waste, fraud, and abuse. The information shared with OESE also informs the selection and delivery of technical assistance to SEAs and aligns structures, processes, and routines so OESE can regularly monitor the connection between grant administration and intended outcomes.

Dated: November 21, 2018.

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